

REMARKS

Claims 1–20 are pending in the application prior to this Response. Claims 1-20 were re-rejected in the Office Action issued on April 16, 2007.. Examiner is thanked for his thorough examination of the application.

Disclosure Objections

Examiner has objected to the disclosure for several informalities. The heading on page 5 of the detailed description has been amended in accordance with Examiner’s suggestion. The typographical error on page 8, paragraph 29, has also been corrected in accordance with Examiner’s suggestion. Paragraph 33 on page 8 has been amended to correct the discussion of the reference to “trace #4” shown in Figure 5.

Drawing Objections

Replacement drawings sheets for Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5 are submitted to overcome Examiner’s objections. Figure 2 has been amended to include the indication “prior art” in accordance with Examiner’s suggestion. Figures 2, 3, and 4 have been amended to delete reference numerals 120, 130 and 140, respectively. Figure 4 has been amended to show reference numerals 144 and “W”. Figure 5 has been amended to show “3W.” for the trace spacing. Figure 6 has been deleted from the drawings

Claim Objections

Claims 7-10 and 17-20 are objected to by Examiner. Claims 7-9 and 17-19 have been canceled in this response. Claims 10 and 20 have been amended to overcome Examiner’s objections.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6-9, 11-14, and 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,940,362 to Otaki et al. (“Otaki”). Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,777,532 to Lakin (“Lakin”). Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,347,041 to Hailey et al. (“Hailey”) in view of Otaki.

Independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 and dependent claims 5, 10, 15, and 20 have been amended to recite that the first and second conductors have a width (W) and that the tabs formed on those conductors also have a width W. As discussed in the specification on page 7, paragraph 25, the recited dimensions provide effective propagation results. Applicants submit that the combination of features recited in independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 and dependent claims 5, 10, 15, and 20 are not disclosed in the art of record and, therefore are allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees which may be necessary and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502264.

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